

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh seems confident of pulling off the current military purge without any trouble.

b. He apparently has the full backing of the young generals, who are now reported convinced that he is the best leader available.

c. The number one victim of the cleanup, General Khiem, claims Khanh has told him that he will eventually appoint him ambassador to Washington.

d. Khiem said he is not sure Khanh is serious. If named, however, Khiem hopes Washington will approve.

e. More labor trouble may be brewing. The Vietnamese workers' confederation is reported threatening to strike again unless the government follows through on its promise to seek reinstatement of "locked out" workers.

f. Meanwhile, the regime is moving to block aid to the Viet Cong via Cambodia. Tighter controls will be placed on Mekong River traffic next week.

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g. Our embassy in Phnom Penh, having learned of this planned action, warns that the Cambodians may react strongly. In particular, the embassy fears that Sihanouk may blame the US and possibly evict the embassy.

2. Cyprus

a. Makarios has opened his anti-Grivas campaign.

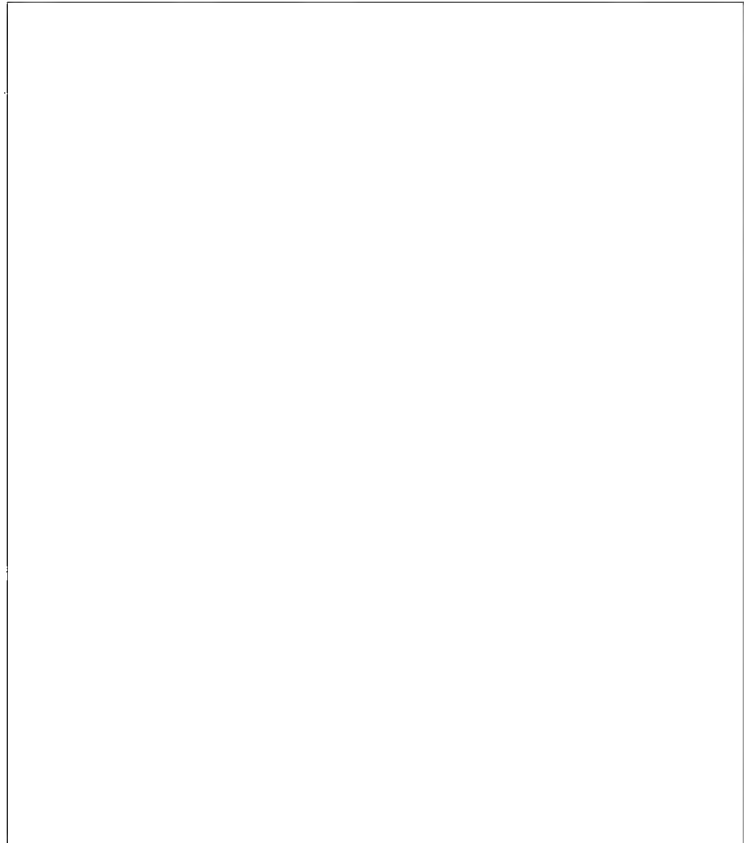
b. The first salvo was fired yesterday in a pro-Makarios newspaper in Nicosia. The entire front page was an attack on the general, with the major theme that Grivas is out of step with the times and with the policies of Makarios.

c. Meanwhile, the rotation problem may be on its way toward solution.

d. Makarios has relaxed his demands on the Nicosia-Kyrenia road, and control is slated to be transferred from the Turks to the UN in exchange for Makarios' acceptance of rotation.

e. Difficulty could still arise, however, if the Turkish Cypriots refuse to go along with limitations placed on their use of the road.

3. Arab States -
Israel



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4. Spain-
Cuba-US

a. The Spanish say they intend to stop all Spanish shipping to Cuba.

b. Foreign Minister Castiello told Ambassador Woodward yesterday that the cutoff would come after the "few" more sailings left under the present charter.

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c. Castiello commented that a "disagreeable situation" has now been turned into a reaffirmation of good US-Spanish relations.

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NOTES

- A. USSR Khrushchev has issued what appears to be an unprecedentedly strong statement in favor of the Soviet consumer and his standard of living: "...now, when we have a powerful industry, when the defense of the country is at its proper level, the party is setting the task of a more rapid development of the branches which produce consumer articles."

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- B. Soviet Navy Soviet naval activities in the past few weeks have exceeded the scope of those undertaken in any similar period. They demonstrate an ability to maintain a large number of ships at sea on a wide variety of missions.

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- C. Cuba-USSR [redacted] command of Cuba's SAM units comes directly from Castro, not through regular military channels. [redacted] the only Soviets at the SAM sites are technical advisors. [redacted]

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- D. Ecuador Guayaquil is under martial law, but the situation remains explosive. More than 30 political figures, including former president Camilo Ponce, have been arrested. The remainder of the country is calm, and the armed forces thus far appear loyal to the government.
- E. Indonesia-Malaysia The Japanese hope to arrange another Tokyo meeting between Sukarno and Tunku Abdul Rahman. A Japanese emissary will sound out Sukarno in Rome around 10 October.